## RELIEF CORPS NEWS.

Gleanings from National Headquarters-Notes from the Departments.

PORTLAND CONVENTION.

Legislation and Incidents. The second day of the third annual conven tion was devoted to business routine, the sea excursion, and a reception tendered by Gov. Robie and staff, with their ladies, at the parlors of the Falmouth Hotel. In order to accomplish the sea excursion the convention had agreed to go into convention at 8 o'clock in the morning, when the delegates were largely in their seats.

The most important action of convention was the adoption of revised rules and regulations presented by the National President, Mrs. Sherwood, bringing the Woman's Relief Corps in line with the Grand Army, as recommended in her annual address. It was also unanimously voted to continue the work of relief in behalf of army nurses and their widows and orphans, so well begun the past year. The decisions and opinions of the National President were sustained, and all the recommendations approved, except that instead of requiring objections to be stated in all cases by members opposed to the admission of candidates, it now requires four black balls for every 20 members to reject, instead of three, irrespective of the number of yoting members in a Corps. The cash system | Expenditures as per abstract ... has been recommended in all transactions between Department and National Treasurers. OFFICERS' REPORTS.

The reports as presented at convention included reports of National President, National Senior Vice-President, National Junior Vice-President, National Secretary, and National Treasurer, and National Instituting and Installing Officer. A verbal report was made by the National Chaplain, which, with National Inspector's report, will be embodied in pamphlet form, and a copy mailed to every delegate. Those desiring extra copies may secure the same by forwarding their names to Emma D. Sibley, Past National Secretary, Toledo, O., inclosing ten cents for each extra copy. To the above should be added the report of the Committee for the Relief of Army Workers, the provisions of which provide for a continuance of relief work, and the appointment of a Pension Committee to aid in securing justice to our neglected women of the war. Eligibility at sixteen, instead of eighteen, has been provided for, and is a measure calculated to strengthen the Corps all over the West.

INCIDENTS OF CONVENTION. Many honors were showered upon the third annual convention, of which the ladies are justly proud. Not the least of these was the official visit from Gov. Robie and staff, accompanied by Gov. Alger, of Michigan. When the announcement of the presence of the visiting comrades was made business was suspended, and the distinguished guests escorted to the platform by Mrs. Barker, Past National President, convention rising. The President then called upon the ladies to give their prettiest salute, which was done. She then welcomed the visitors in a few appropriate words, when Gov. Robie delivered a most happy address, complimenting the convention and indorsing the work in which the Woman's Relief Corps is engaged. Gov. Robie announced himself a pronounced advocate of woman suffrage, which, perhaps, accounted for his pleasure in looking upon so well ordered a convention. Gov. Alger spoke briefly, but to the point, and alluded to the appropriation made by the Michigan Legislature of \$150,000 to start a Sodiers' Home. He congratulated the Michigan delegation, and indicated the need of Michigan for their services when the Home should be built. This brought forth the remark from the President, that Gen. Burst, of Illinois, had received the news of a \$200,000 appropriation in that State, the cheering news which had been communicated to convention. News of an appropriation of \$100,000 in Pennsylvania had also been learned, and the President pledged the Relief Corps in each State to work for the Soldiers' Home, as the Massachusetts women are doing fer the Home at Chelsea, on Powder-Horn Hill.

Comrade Nonnes, of Delaware, was received as a special messenger from the Encampment, bringing the glad news that \$500 had been voted to "Mother" Bickerdyke. This, following the news that the Encampment had instructed the Pension Committee to act vigorously upon her claim, was good news to the convention. Contributions now received by National Treasurer can now be directed to the general fund, upon which the calls are numer-

The sea excursion, tendered by the Woman's State Relief Corps, was most enjoyable. There had been no adjournment for dinner and the visitors found a welcome lunch provided by the good ladies of Portland,-an army lunch, which was the more appreciated. To Mr. Whit-man Sawyer, Mrs. A. M. Sawyer, Mrs. Ingalls, President of Bosworth Relief Corps, and other ladies, the convention recognized their obligations for this rare pleasure. The sail in the bay, among the beautiful islands, was one ever to be remembered.

Among the resolutions reported by the Committee on Resolutions, (Mrs. Lottie L. Myers, chairman,) was one thanking the State Corps ladies for their fraternal courtesies; to Bosworth Relief Corps for the use of the hall and its beautiful decorations, and to the State Corps for the sea excursion and their arrangements for entertainment of delegates.

Following the sail a brief evening session was held, when "The Drummer Boy of the Rappahannock," accompanied by a Mexican veteran with a bass drum, presented him-self at the hall and tendered the ladies an escort to the Falmouth Hotel, to Gov. Robie's re- Edith Howard, ritu ception. The soldier boy of Minnesota, in charge of the live eagle carried in procession, also presented himself, he having handed the President a letter from Comrade C. W. Rarnes, of Minneapolis, presenting the eagle to the convention, to be in turn presented to the Grand Army, to be held by the Post of which the Commander-in-Chief is a member, and so Mrs. Francis Russell, postage passed to his successor and his Post. Comrade Hendershot, the Drummer Boy, was introduced, while the President read the inscription on the silver drum, presented him by the New York Tribune in 1862. He gave some stirring calls, and then the comrade with the eagle | EXPENDITURES, FOURTH QUARTER, ENDING JUNE came to the platform and the eagle formally christened by convention, Ulysses S. Grant. Later the National President presented the eagle, in an official letter, to Commander-in-Chief S. S. Burdett, who accepted the same in behalf of his Post at Washington.

Gov. Robie's reception was a brilliant affair and hundreds of ladies, comrades and citizens J. C. McClenhan, engrossing charter...... called to pay their respects. Gen. and Mrs. Logan were among the guests of the evening, surroundered by throngs of admirers from the Miss Emma D. Sibley, National Secretary's nent of their entrance. Mrs. Logan was very beautiful in a pale blue satin dress, her lint white hair worn pompadour, and was as Mrs. L. A. Turner, books for Treasurer..... cordial and sweet as ever to all who approached her for a word. The Woman's Relief Corps are very proud that she is numbered among them. being a member of Lincoin Corps, Chicago. By the way, Mrs. Logan, who has a fine collection of badges, was made the recipient of souvenirs from several friends, Ohio sending her the beautiful white badge, embroidered in yellow silk, (the gift to the delegates from Hazlett Relief Corps, Zanesville,) with a buckeye pend-

ant, bearing the letters "G.A.R." INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Friday morning the officers were installed in the presence of visiting comrades, including Col. Brown, of Ohio, and staff, Mrs. Barker acting as Instituting and Installing Officer. The ceremony was very impressive. THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE list gave the initials of the National Secretary wrong. Her name is Mrs. Eleanor B. Wheeler, South Boston. Mrs. Elizabeth C. Kiefer is National Instituting and Installing Officer, and Mrs. Francis R. Martin, New Haven, sister of Col. Pierpont, whom so many pleasantly remember, a member of the Nationa Council. Mrs. Annie Wittenmeyer, who stands so near the soldier heart, continues as National Chaplain.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS FROM MES. GRANT. Before leaving Portland the National President received a telegram from Mrs. Grant, acknowledging with grateful thanks the telegram sent her by National Convention, and saying that in their prayers for Gen. Grant's recovery she daily joined.

GENERAL NOTES. The Convention voted a letter of condolence to be sent by the National Secretary to Mrs. Emily V. Littlefield, Department President of Maine, detained from the convention by the serious illness of her soldier husband. Mrs.

Getchell Senior Vice Provider husband. Mrs. Getchell, Senior Vice-President, and ladies of Treasurer which are kept in stock by her, as it is a part of which an ample and well-equipped

the Department, were thanked for their cordial aid.

Cordial addresses of welcome prepared by Mrs. Ingalls, President of Bosworth Relief Corps, and Mrs. Getchell, of the Department of Will show all bills paid and leave a handsome bal-Maine, were not formally presented, owing to the fact that the regular program prepared was not carried out. Mrs. Ingalls and the ladies of the Corps are accorded warmest appreciation for their fraternal courtesies, which will be duly acknowledged by letter and in official

The clam bake on Friday, in which the ladies were permitted to share, was a novel and delightful experience. Gen. and Mrs. Logan were of the party. Cordial thanks are due Dr. and Mrs. Hamlin and family, who kept open house at their Summer cottage, by all who shared their hospitality.

> National Treasurer's Report. OFFICE OF NATIONAL TREASURER,

BOSTON, MASS., June 10, 1885. Miss Emma D. Sibley,
National Secretary, Woman's Relief Corps.
In compliance with our Rules and Regulations, have the honor to submit herewith a statement of

the doings of this Department from July 17, 1884, to June 10, 1885. ACCOUNT CURRENT. LIZABETH A. TURNER, National Treasurer, in count with the Woman's Relief Corps. Cash on hand as per last report...... Received from sale of supplies to June 10, Received from per capita tax to June 10, . 1,044 16 Total to be accounted for ...

..\$1,070 81 Cash on hand, June 10, 1885..... SUPPLIES ON HAND. 342 Charters. 476 Form A. 1,589 Applications-membership. 1,916 Applications—charter... 1,169 Credentials..... 2,450 Quarterly reports....

70 Instructions to Corps Presidents......

SUPPLIES ISSUED TO DEPARTMENTS AND SUB-

ORDINATE CORPS.

Seven Department charters; eight stamps and seals; 2,667 rituals; 577 services; 13,382 Rules and

Regulations; 11,735 applications for membership; 707 application for charters; 1,401 transfers; 1,465

discharges: 307 charters; 33 11-24 yards charter rib-

bon; 17,329 badges, all grades; 175 large electros;

265 records; 260 ledgers; \$275 cash; 278 roll of members; 260 drafts; 286 receipts; 250 black lists; 7,904 odes; 14,286 good and welfare; 535 membership cards; 1,325 Delegates Department Convention; 1,564 Delegates to National Convention; 364 electrons

tion returns; 939 credentials; 4,369 quarterly reports; 387 form A; 288 form B; 297 form C; 54 form D; 1,320 price lists to Corps; 292 instructions to

Presidents; 131 emblems; 183 seals for charters; 10

old electrotypes; 154 old Corps badges; 49 old Department badges; three Installing Officers' badges; even pieces badge ribbon. Value of supplies issued ince June 10, \$297.68.

ABSTRACT OF EXPENDITURES.

EXPENDITURES.-FIRST QUARTER, ENDING OCT. 15

E. B. Stillings & Co., blanks books, etc..

Mrs. L. A. Turner, postage, telegrams, etc.. Mrs. S. E. Fuller, postage, telegrams, etc... National Headquarters, incidental ex-

Cash returned to Departments and Corps

Mrs. K. B. Sherwood, traveling expenses...

Total expended, first quarter ...

E. B. Stillings & Co., blank books and print-

Montgomery & Vrooman, printing...... Edith Howard, rituals...... Draper & Nugent, office desk, National

Mrs. E. Florence Barker, National Presi-

dent's expenses to Minneapolis........ Mrs. S. E. Fuller, National Secretary's ex-

Mrs. L. A. Turner, National Treasurer's expenses to Minneapolis.....

Mrs. Lois Holbrook, expenses to Chicago...

Mrs. S. E. Fuller, traveling expenses in-

Mrs. S. E. Fuller, postage.....

Mrs. L. A. Turner, postage, telegrams, ex-

Mrs. E. F. Barker, postage.....

Mrs. A. M. Gannett, postage. Mrs. M. J. Sias, postage...... Mrs. J. M. Foster, postage....

Cash returned to Department...

Pollard & Alford, badge ribbon...

Cash returned to Departments.

Mrs. A. M. Gannett, postage.

W. S. Ostler, printing.

Total, third quarter ...

E. Howard, rituals...... Pollord & Alford, badge ribbons.

Mrs. Lois Holbrook, postage..... Mrs. Lizzie Anderson, postage....

Total, fourth quarter ...

Fourth

Expenditures: First quarter...

Cash returned to Department

J. K. Davison,

Robert Torrey, engrossing charter..... J. C. McClenhan, engrossing charter.

National Headquarters, incidental

Ward & Gay, wrapping paper, etc.....

E. B. Stillings & Co., blank books and

Secretary...... National Headquarters, incidental ex-

Mrs. L. A. Turner, postage, telegrams, ex-

E. B. Stillings & Co., blank books and sup-

Ward & Gay, wrapping paper, etc ......

National Headquarters, incidental ex-

Miss Emma D. Sibley, National Secretary's

Mrs. L. A. Turner, postage, telegrams, ex-

SUMMARY.

Total expenditures to June 10, 1885 .... \$8,640 14

ABSTRACT OF PER CAPITA TAX.

 Received: First quarter, ending Oct. 15, '84... \$159 95

 Second
 Jan. 15, '85... 292 07

 Third
 Apr. 15, '85... 264 63

 Fourth
 June 10, '85... 327 21

ASSETS.

LIABILITIES,

The rapid growth of our Order has largely in-creased the work of the Department, and I would respectfully recommend that the National Treasurer be allowed \$25 per annum for clerk hire.

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I would also recommend that no supplies be issued except upon orders drawn by Department Treasurers, thus avoiding confusion and delay.

In justice to Departments remote from the source of supplies, I most earnestly recommend that the freight be prepaid on all orders amounting to \$100

Bills payable to June 10.. ..... \$1,700 93

Balance to new account ..

\$2,552 31

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2,552 31

\$6,254 07

.84.543 53

Total expended, second quarter......\$2,243 52

EXPENDITURES, THIRD QUARTER, ENDING JANUARY

EXPENDITURES .- SECOND QUARTER, ENDING JANU-

ARY 15, 1885.

penses.....

J. K. Davison, badges.....

1,085 Membership cards.....

1,074 Delegate cards-Department...

1,531 Election returns.

1,188 G. and W. cards...

4,429 Invoices to Corps....

4,454 Invoices to Departments.

2 Yards charter ribbon

49 Large electros......

686 Badges (all grades).

1.721 Discharges...

1,709 Transfers ....

55 R. and R.

2 Records

3 Drafts

3 Ledgers ....

3 Receipts.

12 Rituals...

9 Black lists.

ineffacable were the words, "God of Ages." And then, from the multitudinous relies of the fast-fading years, we descended to the rotunda to stand before the clustered battleflags of 20 years ago, emblems of the invisible phalanxes that keep guard over human freedom, typified as there by the statue of Washington, with the old War Governor, Andrew, to the left of us, and Charles Sumner, the martyr to freedom of speech, on the right, and the brass cannon that bear the inscriptions to the Revolutionary patriots in front, and there, with the heart too full for utterance, though the tears flowed fast and free, there came up these words to the lips:

ance in the treasury to be carried to new account,
Respectfully submitted,

THE NEW ADMINISTRATION

Headquarters Established in Boston—General Order

No. 1 from President Fuller.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,

BOSTON, MASS.

SARAH E. FULLER, National President.

Your correspondent and friends has been

spending a few days in classic Boston, guest of

that right royal gentleman and gallant soldier,

Col. Thos. E. Barker, 12th N. H., and his right

royal wife, Mrs. E. Florence Barker, Past Na-

tional President Woman's Relief Corps. At

beautiful suburban towns—a city of 16,000 in-

habitants-we have found such rest from the

a week of convention duties and trials, as can

are sentinels on guard, and fraternal loyalty

gives smiles for tears and the oil of joy for the

Through the courtesy of Col. and Mrs. Barker

we have enjoyed inestimable privileges, and

of THE TRIBUNE could have followed us to the

great fountainheads of American patriotism

here and there visited-could have stood with

us before the landmarks of receding ages. Yes-

terday, in a suburban ride, we passed the very

elm tree, wide-girthed, knotted, and gnarled

yet with broad-spreading branches, where

Washington tied his horse on his way to Cam-

bridge. The same day we visited the Senate

Chamber, and looked into the firm Puritan eyes

of Endicott and Winthrop, and tried to deci-

pher the text-of the faded yellow charter, hang

ing beneath the old brass drum that summoned

spirit of heaviness.

ELEANOR B. WHEELER, National Secretary.

LIZABETH A. TURNER,

"Lives there a man with soul so dead Who never to himself hath said: 'This is my own, my native land.'"

It was no longer Massachusetts. It was Ohio, Nebraska, California. It was the Union. These flags waved over the boys of the East, as our cherished banners have waved over the boys of the West. Yet each is the emblem of unity, the Stars and the Stripes, tattered and torn and mottled with the best blood of the Nation, but the glorious old Star-spangled Banner still. So you see why the Women of the Relief Corps to stop over and share the hospitalities of Boston are not strangers in a strange landare among friends and at home.

THE LOYAL LEGION.

One afternoon we spent at the rooms of the Loyal Legion, Col. Arnold A. Rand, Recorder, in charge. The great attraction of the place is the stack of war albums, filled with historic scenes and faces. Many of them are the original views from the battlefields, brought together after industrious and patient correspondence, chiefly of the Barnard and Brady collections. Col. Rand tells us that some of the most reliable were found among the rubbish of photograph rooms, used as playthings for children to keep them quiet while waiting the photographer. One could spend a week turning over the leaves of these wonderfully-fascinating albums, with their painfully realistic pages. Some of the views are of men torn trunk from limb and head from trunk-awful and yet instructive to those who are too young, or too forgetful, to know that any fought and any

fell to save the honor of the Nation. Stand to your arms! And there came the rush and the crush of the whirlwind Headless and trunkless they fell, the royal old oaks The men with the sinews of strength and the pride of the oak-knotted forest Lay with their lips to the dust, and as dust the rent

reins of their valor;
Lay with their lips to the sod and their hearts to
the ribbed rocks as pulseless,
And sobs of the ridges gave back the cries of their soul in the conflict. Col. Rand's command was the 1st Mass. Cav.

He is a keen-eyed, methodical man, who, taking every available moment from his extensive law practice, is making very important history in a form that will present it to the intelligent understanding of coming ages. A building specially dedicated to the archives of the Loyal Legion is even now a necessity, as a mass of interesting matter is filed and crowded into a limited space, which should be properly displayed. THE SOLDIERS' HOME.

To-day we visited the Soldiers' Home at Chelsea, on Powder Horn Hill. We had heard much of this noble Grand Army charity of Massachusetts, but had no expectation of finding such a real home, so picturesquely situated. Powder Horn Hill overlooks the sea and commands a view of the entire city, 27 suburban towns and the broad-swelling ocean, with the Island of Nahant intervening. On a clear day
—and fair weather was our blessed boon—one can look 40 miles away over the calm and placid seas. It is a sight that beggars Worcester's dictionary to describe.

The Home itself has wide halls and a broad piazza running all around. There are at present 110 inmates; Gen. Cunningham, Superintendent, and Mrs. Cunningham, Matron. The "boys" are grateful for the care bestowed upon them and have a resigned and contented look. They have the whitest and lightest bread, the sweetest, geldenest butter, and meat, sauce and good coffee in abundance. The tables are well laid, and the entire culinary establishment, to the shining copper boilers, is a model of order and neatness.

It was our good fortune to be present at a meeting of the Ladies' Aid Association, of which the members of the various Relief Corps are an important part. Mrs. Barker, First Vice-President, was in the chair, owing to the illness of the President (Mrs. Dyer), and so we were quite at home. Among the ladies of the association present were Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Wheeler, National President, Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. The meeting was an interesting one, at which many donations of hospital delicacies and household supplies were reported. We were shown through the institution, and were proud to see how comfortably the various Relief Corps had furnished the various rooms occupied by the yet- Mass., and the following is the list of National offierans. Spring beds, white spreads, rugs, pictures, knick-knacks-all the home bits which loving woman could supply were there. The old soldiers take great pride in caring for the

rooms thus furnished. Following the business meeting, Mrs. Barker called on Mrs. Wells, of London, England, who delivered two pathetic poems, illustrative of woman's heroism, with superb effect. Mrs. Kate B. Sherwood, Past National President, addressed the assembled veterans and the ladies, outlining the objects and work of the Woman's Relief Corps, and bore greetings from the women of the West to the women of Massachusetts, both engaged in the glorious work of caring for the veterans, their widows and orphaus. She introduced the Department President of California, Mrs. Col. Kinne, who spoke for the Soldiers' Home in the Golden State. C. G. Hampton, Department Inspector, G.A.R., of Michigan, and Mrs. Hampton, Department President; Mrs. Goodale, Department President of Massachusetts; Mrs. Gen. Rice of Ohio; Mrs. Russell, of California, and Mrs.

Ada F. Clarke, Past Department Secretary of Ohio, were among the visitors present. The Soldiers' Home was built for a Summer resort for the Southern shoe merchants and their families, just prior to the war. It was known as the Highland Hotel, and was esteemed a desirable resort for men of means and leisure. But the men of the South suddenly stopped coming North, and after a few years the whole establishment was thrown on the market and bought by the Grand Army, furnished, for \$20,000. The Massachusetts Legislature donates \$15,000 per annum to the support of the Home, which is under the management of a board of 18, 15 of whom must be soldiers. Sixteen are of the number now. Besides the Legislative appropriation the Posts and Corps of the State unite in a joint enter-tainment yearly for the benefit of the Home. The late carnival has netted over \$60,000, with

hospital will be erected. It is a glorious work, and Heaven is blessing it. It is a glorious work, and Heaven is blessing it.

at date of revision.

Vational Officers.

the National Treasurer.

at date of institution

ward will be prepaid by the National Treasurer. XIII. The salary of the National Secretary

XIX. That the Board of Directors be abolished

XX. Owing to an unfortunate condition of the

I earnestly desire that the coming year may b

By command of SARAH E. FULLER,
ELEANOR B. WHEELER, National President.
National Secretary.

EX-PRISONERS OF WAR.

Interesting Meeting of the Ohio Association.

On the 29th ult. a most interesting meeting

of the ex-prisoners of war was held at Toledo.

O. Dr. G. A. Gessner, of Fremont, O., Presi-

dent of the Ohio State Association, called the

meeting to order promptly at 1:45 p. m. Dr.

Gessner then introduced Dr. S. F. Forbes,

Mayor of Toledo, who delivered an eloquent

address. Comrade W. H. Polhamus, of Cleve-

land, spoke on behalf of the delegates in a

very able address, gave very interesting sta-

tistics showing the number of Union prisoners

confined and the number who had died in

very valuable and interesting information.

Commander-in-Chief J. S. Kountz came in and

this meeting: Cleveland, O .- C. C. Shanklin,

M. T. Britton, D. G. Nesbit, and W. H. Polhamus; Fremont, O. - W. H. Hineline,

Joseph Kiln, Daniel Cornicorn, and D. S. Moses;

Wauseon, O.—Alfred R. Hill and Levi Lenardson; Toledo—George W. Vrooman, D. P.

Chamberlin, Ezra S. Dodd, and J. F. Holliger.

The following were the officers elected for the

O.; Ezra S. Dodd and Dr. G. A. Gessner. Here

friend, gave very interesting statistics con-

that local associations should be organized in

that the newly-elected officers should endeavor

to perform their duties with a new spirit and

REUNIONS.

2. 3 and 4 at Keithsburg, Ill.

Association at this place Sept. 3d next.

A Reunion of the 102d Ill. will be held Sept.

The eighth annual Reunion of the 8th Vt.

The Reunion of the old 13th Wis. was held

tended. The officers of the association are:

SECOND CORPS.

All the Wearers of the Clover Leaf Wanted to

TO THE EDITOR: It is earnestly desired and

hopefully contemplated by the present admin-

istration of the Second Corps Club to increase

its muster roll the name of every survivor of

shock of columns, by its brilliant fighting won

It is further contemplated to issue for each

seminated paper each survivor to send his name and address by postal card, or otherwise, to the Secretary and Treasurer of the organi-

zation, who will respond, giving particulars as

Charles E. Troutman, Secretary and Treas-

Executive Committee-D. P. Goddard, Capt.,

14th Conn.; R. W. Scarlett, Ord. Serg't, 116th

Pa.; Wm. De Lacy, Brig-Gen.; O. D. Thatcher, Serg't, 1st Minn.; Joseph Burroughs, 12th N. J.

Rheumatism.

There cannot possibly be a more distressing infliction in the long list of painful disorders, not one that has baffled the skill of physicians

and entailed so much suffering as Rheumatism.

To those afflicted we would advise to try

Durang's Rheumatic Remedy. It is an internal

remedy, and cures quickly and permanently.

The Editor of this paper is not only well acquainted with the proprietor of this great

cure, but will tell you that the medicine itself

is without an equal for all forms of Rheuma-

tism. Before asking your Druggist to order it

for you write for my free 40-page pamphlet,

and see for yourself what it has done or capable

R. K. HELPHENSTINE. Druggist, Washington, D. C.

to the object of the club and any information

Join the Club.

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urer, Washington, D. C.

Gen. J. B. Coit. President.

the veterans with much enthusiasm.

EAST BOSTON RECEPTION. A reception was given Wednesday evening by John A. Haines Relief Corps, East Boston, to the retiring National President, Mrs. Sherwood. Mrs. Fuller, National President, has been the President of this Corps since its organization two years since, but will now resign for her greater work. The reception was arranged and accepted by Mrs. Sherwood some months since, but increased interest was given it by the election at Portland of Mrs. Fuller. The hall was elaborately decorated with bunting and banners, tables were spread, and ice cream and cake served. Miss McConaghy recited a touching poem and Miss Hall, pleasantly remembered by Portland delegates, sang very sweetly. Following this Post Commander laues introduced successively Mrs. Fuller and Mrs. Sherwood, each of whom made brief remarks. Mrs. Kinne, of California, and Past Department Commanders Evans and Billings were among the speakers of the evening. Foltheir hospitable home at Malden, one of the lowing Mrs. Sherwood's remarks the testimonial voted at Minneapolis to the retiring National President, Mrs. Barker, was presented, hardships of travel, and the nervous strain of Mrs. Barker replying in eloquent words. The testimonial is a superb gold badge, with a red only be found in a home where Peace and Love Roman cross suspended from the bar pin, (the sign of Past National President,) and a single diamond on the crossbar. The badge, prepared by a committe consisting of Mrs. Hampton, of Michigan; Mrs. Young, of Ohio, and Mrs. Anderson, of Kansas, was due at Portland at the would that the tens of thousands of the readers time of convention, but owing to the fact that t was missent it did not reach Portland in time. So it was forwarded to Boston, and presented here. The following address, prepared by Mrs. Hampton, Chairman of Badge Committee, accompanied the gift:

PRESENTATION ADDRESS. Mrs. E. Florence Barker, Past National President, Woman's Relief Corps: The Woman's Relief Corps as an organization is one of which the Nation may be justly proud! The impulses that prompted its formation emanated from hearts as true and brave s those that marched to battle. Those who, when the joyous shouts of victory were over, were not unmindful that it was bought with a price and at

the patriots in home-spun to Bunker Hill, great sacrifice. though all the letters that stood out bold and Among the sacrifices and sufferings, precious ives and dismembered bodies do not stand paramount or alone. The majority of veterans of mid-dle age are to-day worn and old beyond their years, while thousands who left their homes as boys returned physical wrecks—a living sacrifice—to whom life has been a long and continuous battle, for which they were wholly unfitted and unpre-The war of the rebellion, of which there is no

parallel, was undoubtedly a part of God's fixed plan of action from the beginning, and America the ordained tablet on which our Maker, just and wisely, cyphers out the problems of history and One great factor in this problem is the law of Emancipation; another, the advancement of women toward that wide plane of social, moral and

ennobling influence to which she is rapidly tending. Her power in good works is almost unlimited!
The to her warm sympathies and quick perceptions, together with the thrilling sense of that something undescribed that we call patriotism, that we owe to-day the noble organization of which through whom so much "Good Samaritan" work is being accomplished.

There is a broad field of labor lying open before

us, as broad as the acres that lie between the Atlantic and the Pacific. When States and legislators stand idly by and refuse to carry out their solemn promises and obligations, then woman must step forward and do in some way and by some means the acts of justice and humanity that must not be forgotten or left undone. This is the mission of the Woman's Relief Corps, and a prophetic eye can see in the future a glowing record of good deeds done and wonderful things accomplished, for the energetic and determined women who herald and espouse it are not those that put their hands to the plow and turn back. Special credit is due the pioneers in this labor of

love. The obstacles and barriers no doubt seemed insurmountable many times, and like the burden of poor Christain laid heavily; but the precious seedtime came at last, and the seed, though sown in doubt, fell in good ground, and under the warm and genial influence and protecting care of the Grand Army of the Republic cannot but flourish, and even now, at the end of the second year, gives promise of a laxuriant growth.

To you, Mrs. Barker, as the first acknowledged bead of this organization, why who pileted us safely

head of this organization, you who piloted us safely through the first year's breakers and launched us on safe sailing seas, we owe a deep debt of gratitude. Recognizing your devotion to the principles of the Order and the true charity that has ever characterized your actions, those who worked with you from the beginning, and those who joined your ranks later on, unite in presenting to you a testi-

monial of their appreciation.

To me has been entrusted that pleasant duty!
And now, in the name of "Loyal Women" of
America, and by act of the second annual convention, I present you with this beautiful badge, the
emblem of the Order to which we are all proud to
belong. Accept it in the spirit in which it is given,
and wear it in remembrance of the duties well and wear it in remembrance of the duties well performed! May the costly metal of which it is made ever remind you of the beautiful Golden City and the joys of the redeemed. And may this diamond be symbolic and you be found at last as bright a jewel in the bosom of the Lord.

GENERAL ORDERS, NO. 1. HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS. AUXILIARY TO THE G.A.R.,

BOSTON, MASS., July 2, 1885. Deeply grateful to the members of the Third An-nual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps for the honor conferred upon me by my election to the office of National President, I hereby assume the duties of that high and honorable position. With a deep love in my heart for the principles and objects of our noble Order, and with an abiding faith in the ability and power of woman to successfully execute and carry into effect any benevolent or philanthropic work they may undertake, let me urge upon every member of the Order, whether high in office or the youngest initiate, to take up the work with renewed zeal and faithfulness, that the coming year may be one of continued prosper-ity, and that we merit the confidence and respect expressed in the following resolution which was adopted by the Nineteenth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, assembled at Portland, Maine, June 24 and 25, 1885:

"Your committee heartily concurs with all that has been said of the work and aims of the National Relief Corps. It was a grand undertaking, and has been carried out in the grandest manner. Side by side with the Grand Army it has pressed forby side with the Grand Army it has pressed for-ward, accomplishing in the name of faith and love and charity what comrades could not have done without its assistance. It has our earnest wishes for its continued success, our hearty support of the purposes of the organization, and our co-operation in all its undertakings. We offer its members now as ever the strong right hand of our comradeship, which will never weaken in its grass of love which will never weaken in its grasp of love, respect, and sympathy."
See to it, my sisters, that you remember the ob-

ligations you have assumed; let no personal ambi-tions or petty strife mar our usefulness, or sacrifice the support and confidence of the comrades of the Grand Army, in whose interest alone we were organized, and to whom we are the recognized aux-

The high compliment of a unanimous re-election was offered our retiring National President, Mrs. Kate B, Sherwood, but the labors of the year had been arduous and exhausting, and she felt that duty to herself and family forbade her acceptance of the honor; but in her retirement from the office the Order will not lose her valuable services, as she has accepted a permanent position as a member of the National Council of Administration, as has also our first Past National President, Mrs. E. Florence

To attempt to follow these officers, who have brought to our Order such grand and inspiring re-sults, is a task well nigh impossible, but I can only rely on Him who has so signally blessed our united efforts in the past, trusting that He will impart wisdom and grace equal to all requirements, and with the co-operation of my associate officers, it shall be my constant ambition and purpose to hold the Order to its present high standard in the estimation of the comrades and respect of the public. I. Headquarters for the year will be at Boston

National Senior Vice-President, Lizzie D'A. Kinne, San Francisco, Cal. National Junior Vice-President, Adaline P. Kent. ortsmouth, N. H. National Secretary, Eleanor B. Wheeler, South National Treasurer, Lizabeth A. Turner, Boston, National Chaplain Annie Wittenmeyer, Philadelphia, Pa.
National Inspector, Deborah G. King, Lincoln,

National President, Sarah E. Fuller, East Boston,

National Counselor, Emma D. Sibley, Toledo, O. National Instituting and Installing Officer, Eliza-beth C. Kiefer, Waterbury, Conn. NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION. Sarah E. Fuller, ex-officio President. Eleanor B. Wheeler, ex-officio Secretary. E. Florence Barker, Malden, Mass. Kate B. Sherwood, Toledo, O.

Kate B. Sherwood, Toledo, O.
Lizzie Anderson, Topeka, Kan.
Sarah C. Nichols, Aaburn, N. Y.
Francis R. Martin, New Haven, Conn.
II. It is deemed advisable to dispense with the office of National Corresponding Secretaries in those States having permanent Departments organized, and any appointments as such made at Portland, Me., are hereby revoked, and the following named members are appointed as National Aids for those States and Territories where Departments are not yet fully organized.

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Tennessee—Harriet P. Lloyd, Cincinnati, O.
New Mexico—Lizzie Anderson, Topeka, Kan.
Virginia—Kate E. Jones, Ilion, N. Y.
District of Columbia—Mary A. Logan, Washingon. D. C. Utah—Ida E. Lincoln, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Department of the Gulf—Helen Hinsdale Rich,
St. Joseph, Mo.
III. The National Aids will be furnished station—

ery, blanks and Rules and Regulations, and they are earnestly requested to immediately open corre-spondence with the Department and Post Com-manders within their Districts looking to the organzation of a Relief Corps wherever there exists a IV. Attention is called to the decisions of the Third Annual Convention of the W.R.C. at Portland, Me. V. To adopt the revision of the Rules and Regulations as prepared by the Past National Presider Kate B. Sherwood, and that the Code of Disciplin

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porated in such revision.

VI. That the Formula for Inspection, prepared by Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller, be added to the Service News from the Departments---Camp-VII. That a copy of revised Rules and Regulations be sent to every Corps President holding office Fires, Etc. VIII. That the age of applicants for membership in the W.R.C. be 16 years. IX. That Gen. Beath's Blue Book stand as au-

thority for all official opinions and decisions. Copies to be obtained of National Treasurer.

X. That the Ritual be revised by the retiring Commander-in-Chief Burdett's Reception by the Department of the Potomac.

A royal welcome was accorded the new Com-XI. That all supplies must be drawn by Corps nander-in-Chief of the Grand Army, Gen. Burreasurers on Department Treasurers, and by Department Treasurers on National Treasurer.

XII. That freight on all orders of \$100 and updett, on his return from Portland Tuesday night of last week. Department Commander N. M. Brooks and a committee consisting of the Commanders of the Posts of the Department of fixed at \$400 per annum, and that the National Treasurer receive \$25 per year for an assistant. the Potomac were waiting at the depot when the returning comrades arrived. As Gen. Bur-XIV. To secure uniformity in our work, each lepartment will order all blanks and books through dett entered a carriage in waiting for him the U. S. Marine Band played "Hail to the Chief," and the multitude which had gathered around XV. All Corps must report officially and pay per capita tax for the quarter in which they are organthe depot sent up round after round of lusty cheers. The line of march to Masonic Tem-XVI. No more honorary members allowed to National, Department or Corps after July 24, 1885. XVII. That the office of National and Departple, where the reception was held, was then taken up under the skillful marshalship of ment Inspector be an appointive one and that a National and Department Counselor and Institut-ing and Installing Officer be appointed to substitute for the Conductor and Guard, and that an Assist-Comrade T. R. Turnbull. First came the Marine Band and immediately behind it the gallant Veteran Corps, under command of Lieuts. ant Conductor and Guard be appointed in each Edgar and Ramsey. Following these Custer Corps at the expiration of the current year. XVIII. That hereafter Corps charters be closed Camp, Sons of Veterans, made a very pretty appearance, each member bearing an illuminated Chinese lantern. In the rear of the "Sons' and a National and Department Council of Ad-ministration substituted. The President and Secrecame the "sires" in the persons of the uniformed members of the District Posts, maktary, National or Department, ex-officio officers of ing in all a line of about 1,000 men. As the procession moved along the band played "Marching Through Georgia," and some of the finances, the 'spartment of Pennsylvania was remanded to a Provisional Department, and Mrs. Annie Wittenmeyer, of Philadelphia, Pa., is hereby boys thinking that grand old air ought to be accompanied by the song, it was not long before appointed as Provisional President, and she will be respected and obeyed accordingly, hoping for the speedy adjustment of affairs and the reorgani-zation of a Department. that idea pervaded the whole line, and the night air fairly resounded with the patriotic strains. The enthusiasm was catching, and the crowds, which lined the sidewalks, took up the ne of success and that we may attain to a front refrain until the streets echoed with the thrilrank among the benevolent organizations of our land, and to this end I invite every member of the ling notes. With the waving of flags, the display of fireworks, the cheers and singing, the Order to use her best endeavors to win to our ranks only good, true, loyal women who are willing to take up this soldier work. So shall we become a power for good to the Grand Army of the Rescene was one which will be long remembered by all who witnessed it, and it carried many an ld veteran's mind back to war times. Gen. Burdett had a pretty busy time bowing to the Furthers orders will be issued from these Headcrowd which at every yard of the route greeted him with cheers. The reception at Masonic Temple was thor-

oughly in keeping with the enthusiasm shown at the parade, and many men of prominence were there to do honor to the comrade who had been chosen to command the Grand Army for the coming year. On the platform beside Commander Brooks, who presided, were the staff officers of the Commander, Gen. Green B. Raum, District Attorney Worthington, Hon. H. C. Peters, of Kansas, and others. The hall was crowded. The Marine Band and the Orpheus Glee Club rendered musical selections at appropriate intervals. Gen. Burdett was escorted to the platform by Commander Brooks amid tumultuous cheering. Commander Brooks then very happy manner. Dr. G. A. Gessner, in a introduced Gen. Green B. Raum, who expressed to Gen. Burdett the gratification felt by his comrades at his election as Commander-in-Chief, and complimented him for the invaluable serv-Southern prison pens, together with much other

ices he had already rendered the Grand Army. Gen. Burdett responded in a most happy vein, made a very neat speech, which was received and was cheered to the echo. Hon. H. C. Peters, The following delegates were present at made the concluding speeches. After singing 'Rally Round the Flag" the reception was brought to a close. Great regret was felt at the absence of Dushane and Wilson Posts, of Baltimore, who telegraphed that the short notice given them did not enable them to make the necessary arrangements to come on.

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

ensuing year: President, George W. Vrooman, CALIFORNIA .-Toledo; First V.-P., Comrade Alfred R. Hill, of L. H. Rousseau Post, No. 64, Kelseyville—John S. Mather, Commander; W. G. Young, Adj't—has Wauseon, O.; Second V.-P., Wm. H. Hine-line, Fremont, O.; Treas., D. G. Nesbit, Cleveland, O.; Chap., D. S. Moses, Fremont, O. S. Mather, Commander; W. G. Young, Adj't—has adopted resolutions sympathizing with Gen. Grant.
——"L. A. P.," Oakland: Decoration Day was suitably observed here by the Grand Army and Woman's Relief Corps.—Lymon Hataling, Redding: Officers of E. F. Winslow Post, No. 79: Commander, Lymon Hataling; S. V. C., John Spellman; J. V. C., J. G. Farhner; Adj't, J. H. Hunter; Q. M., A. S. Castle; Surg., Dr. J. H. Miller; Chap., J. M. Cecil; O. D., J. P. Smith; O. G., Jack Flake; A. D. C., T. B. Smith; Insp., J. H. Hunter; S. M., J. F. Green. Executive Committee-Dr. D. P. Chamberin, Toledo; D. S. Moses, of Fremont, O., and Levi Lenardson, together with the President and Secretary ex-officio. The following delegates were elected to the National Association's annual meeting at Philadelphia, Pa., which meets August 19th and 20th: Comrades I. F. Mack, of Sandusky, O.; Alfred R. Hill, Wauseon, O.; W. H. Polhamus, of Cleveland,

Bloomington Post, No. 146, was accorded a reception by Stephens Post, of Springfield, last week.

followed speeches by Comrades W. H. Polha-INDIANA .mus, Ezra S. Dodd, M. T. Britton, Dr. D. P. Jos. Barrington, Wabash: A man representing himself to be a member of Post No. 62, of this place, Chamberlin, and C. C. Shanklin, of Cleveland, himself to be a member of Post No. 62, of this place, is traveling over the country under several different names and defrauding comrades. He is a short, heavy-set man, dark complexion, and speaks with a German accent.—Frank Weldon, Fort Wayne: The early retirement from office of Comrade Robt. Stratton, the Assistant Adjutant-General, by reason of his meditated removal to Minneapolis, is greatly regretted; but, fortunately, the Department Commander has "two of a kind," and however faithful and efficient Comrade Stratton has been in all the positions he has been called upon to fill in President of the National Association, the whole-souled and open-hearted ex-prisoner's cerning the associations throughout the United States, which were all received with open hearts and with cheers, and made suggestions every County in the country, and demanded all the positions he has been called upon to fill in the Grand Army of the Republic, he will find a fit zeal to bring about large additions the ensuing and worthy successor in the person of Comrade Tom Sullivan, the present Acting Assistant Adjutantyear. On motion the expenses of delegates to General—a comrade whose zeal in the work and devotion to the cause is almost without parallel in the State. It is claimed for him that he has enlisted the meeting of the National Association in Philadelphia, Pa., on the third Wednesday and Thursday in August next, will be paid by the nore recruits (over 300) into the Grand Army than any comrade in the country. Where delinquent Posts decide to disband and cannot be prevailed upon to continue, they are demanded to pay up all back dues, surrender charter, books and records, A resolution was passed indorsing the minor-ty report on the Robinson Bill made by the Congressional Committee on Pensions. A resback dues, surrender charter, books and records, and then from these records the Department Commander will issue transfer cards to all the comrades who may wish to join other Posts. In this way there should be very little, if any, loss in the aggregate membership of the Department. The members of three Posts disbanded since March 1—viz: No. 237, Coatsville; 203, Rono, and 377, Branchville—have nearly all asked and been granted cards. There are 20 Posts in the Department that will olution of thanks was extended to Mayor Forbes for his able address of welcome; to Commander-in-Chief John S. Kountz for his hearty greeting and welcome, and to Rev. Dr. H. M. Bacon, and to Forsyth Post for use of There are 20 Posts in the Department that will have to put up or "shut up" at the end of this quarter. They do not hold meetings, have not sent quarterly returns for more than one year, are of no enefit to themselves or the Department, and heroic treatment must be applied in their case. The De-A grand Reunion and military encampment partment Commander would not be faithful to the obligation he assumed were he to report such Posts in "good standing" to National Headquarters. "While the lamp holds out to burn" there is still will be held at Fort Wayne, Ind., from Aug. 19 J. R. Harding, Freeport, Ill.: There will be a hope for their return. At least, the lamp will glim-mer till July 15. This week the Department passes Reunion of the Soldiers and Sailors' Reunion another mile-stone in its general march. Post No. 400 will be mustered, located at Bremen, Marshall was held at Montpelier, Vt., on the 19th ult. County. Its application for a charter has upon County. Its application for a charter has upon it the names of 25 comrades. It will be mustered by H. A. Adle, Commander of Post No. 378, Walkerton, and bids fair to live long and prosper. Applications have been applied for in the last week for organization of three Posts in Grant County; one at Ditney, Warrick County; one at Cadiz, Henry County; one at Dugger, Sullivan County; one at Saluda, Jefferson County; one at Argos, Marshall The address of welcome was delivered by Dr. S. Thomas. About 60 members were in attendat Albany, Wis., June 11. The meeting was an unusually pleasant one and was largely at-County, and one at Nappanee, Elkhart County. It is now time for reports of second quarter 1885. It is expected that notwithstanding the losses that may occur by suspensions, the Department of Indiana will show nice gains in the aggregate. Pres., Dr. C. M. Smith, Evansville, Wis.; Sec. and Treas., Lieut. W. P. Clarke, Milton, Wis. Executive Committee-Maj. S. C. Cobb, Capt.

MARYLAND .-Farragut Post, No. 36, of Baltimore, lit a campfire at the Western Schuetzen Park, "Old Camp Carroll," on the 1st inst. Commander E. S. Harding was in command, with John S. B. Patterson Acting Adjutant. Junior Vice Commander Caleb Hines was Officer of the Day. The affair was a most pleasant one.

its membership to the maximum; to place on MICHIGAN.-At the dedication of the Grand Army Hall at Owasso, May 11, H. W. Holman delivered a most eloquent address.

the grand old Iron Second Corps, which marched to victory under the leadership of the gloriously superb Hancock, the sedate and NEW HAMPSHIRE .obstinate Sumner, the scholarly and taciturn | O. G. Burtt, Hillsboro: Post No. 25, of this place,

Warren, and the magnanimous Humphreys; which, amid the smoke of battle and the deadly shock of columns by its brilliant fighting won the admiration of its friends and the respect of NEW YORK .-

Rankin Post, No. 10, will hold its annual excursion on the 27th inst. The barges Neilson and Sumner and a steamer have been secured, and will member a neat and pleasing certificate of membership, that will be to the possessor a lasting momento of those glorious days.

The fee of initiation is only \$1,—within the reach of all.

Will you therefore kindly notify through the columns of your valuable and widely disseminated paper each survivor to send his name and address by postal card, or otherwise, to the Secretary and Treasurer of the organi-Samuel S. Brown; Q. M. S., Wm. T. Denyse; I. S., Wm. H. Crawford; O. S., Edward O. Hammond.

—The Encampment which commenced on Friday last at Middletown, N. Y., has been an enjoyable affair in every respect. The Posts represented were Carroll Post, of Port Jervis; Gilbert Post, of Guilford; Hammond Post, of Woodbourne; Ellis Post, of Newburg; Cummings Post, of Goshen; Eruslie Post, of Cornwall; Slater Post, of Poughkeepsie; Pratt Post, of Kingston. and Gen. Lyon Post, of Middletown. Gen. Hobart Ward, of New York, Gens. W. S. Hancock, Sherman, and other notables were present. Among the features of the Encampment were a sham-battle and dress parades, and a concert and ball on the evening of the opening day. The Encampment closed on Sunday. Its conclusion was precipitated by a sudden gale of wind, soon after 4 p. m. Dark and threatening clouds had been gathering all the afternoon, and when the soon after 4 p.m. Dark and threatening clouds had been gathering all the afternoon, and when the storm burst the air was filled with dust, and the tents were leveled in an instant. It lasted but a few minutes, but in that short time great confusion prevailed, and several persons were injured slightly by the horses and flying tent poles. The exercises were of a religious character. After reveille there were morning prayers, and later camp-meeting services by the various Posts, conducted by the Chaplain. In the afternoon there was a united service of song, with addresses by veterans and the clergy. The Encampment has been a very successful one, and far exceeding the highest expectations.

WISCONSIN .-C. R. Rounds, Bell Center: O. D. Chapman Post, No. 80, is in a very flourishing condition. We were recently the recipients of a handsome silk banner from our estimable Commander, J. H. Brightman.

"A CHANGE NEEDED." An Argument in Support of The National Tribune's

To THE EDITOR: Will you allow me, on be-

half of the old soldiers, to express to you the gratitude which I, in common with them, feel, because of the noble stand which you have taken, as reflected in your able editorial entititled "A Change Needed," published in your issue of the 18th ult. To the sentiment therein expressed, we, with one accord, respond heartily, Amen! Under our present pension laws, I am most decidedly opposed to any ex-soldier applying for or procuring a pension, unless he be to-tally or partially disabled by reason of wounds received, or by reason of physical disability con-tracted in the service. To defeat unworthy claimants, we have sometimes exerted our utmost influence, and will continue to do so. And that the efforts of the Pension Department in this behalf are to be commended will not admit of argument or contradiction. But whilst this is true, it may be also said that some of the conditions made essential to a claimant's success by the system adopted by the Department would be too trifling to merit serious consideration, were it not that a failure to comply therewith might be, in effect, the jeopardizing of an otherwise meritorious claim. To the writer it has become a somewhat pleasant duty to voluntarily aid claimants to procure and arrange the evidence necessary to support the claim of an applicant, and by reason of such service we have become, to some extent, familiar with the conditions required. In the main, though exceedingly exacting, they are right, and we think for that reason are not to be animadverted upon, or subject to adverse and unjust criticism. But are there not exceptions which may become the legitimate subjects of opposition and controversy? Are not some of the requirements too flimsy for serious discussion? To every just man, are they not fit subjects for ridicule? An illustration, if you will permit: We have been for months engaged in working up a claim in be-half of an aged, needy and deserving claimant, not, it is true, a soldier, but the father of a son killed in the army, and after "hope deferred had well nigh made the heart sick" in our almost futile attempt to complete our evidence by ransacking most of the United States and the whole of Canada, we finally exclaim 'Eureka!" and congratulate ourselves that we have made out our case—satisfactorily answered all demands and conformed to all requirements and forward the "latest returns" to the Pension Bureau. From that time on we are in a most tranquil frame of mind touching that claim, and continue so, until we become the recipient of another "official communication," which informs us: "You must prove by evidence other than that of the claimant what his income was in 1862." We throw the aforesaid "official communication" down in supreme disgust and involuntarily exclaim: Damn such a system." Here is the case of an old, decrepit man, poor and needy, who but for the death of that son (prompted by a noble impulse and a patriotic spirit to a self-immolation upon the altar of his country that our liberties might be preserved) might be enjoying peace and plenty in his declining years, and his pathway to the tomb freed from terrors of corroding care and mental anguish by the kind influences which filial affection performs; and whose demands for relief from a daily and everincreasing, cruel necessity, is met with the question and requirement to know "what was his dence other than his own." Now the fact is, that during the year 1862 the claimant in this case lived not only a part of the year in California, a part in Illinois, but the remaining part in Canada, his former home. More than that, he was but a day laborer, only making such a precarious living as a day laborer is enabled to make, subject to the contingencies of considerable sickness, lack of work, etc. Now, how is it possible for him, under the circumstances, to show, after a lapse of more than 22 years, "by evidence other than his own," what his income was during that year? A kind of evidence which could only, outside of himself, be supported by proof of his several employers, whose very names are in many instances forgotten, and whose present whereabouts, if living at all,

are absolutely unknown. Again, let us ask, do equity and good conscience demand the rejection of a claim other wise fairly made out, simply because his "income for the year 1862 by evidence other than his own" cannot be established? Would not substantial justice be done, equity and good conscience subserved, and the most reasonable conscience subserved, and the most reasonable requirements of an exacting and rigorous "system" be sufficiently complied with in this and similar cases by satisfactory proof that the claimant had not any source of permanent income at all during such period? It seems to us that the condition imposed in the requirement above cited is about as sensible—certainly not more some as that now hampily exploded we have more so—as that, now happily exploded we be-lieve, of compelling an old soldier claimant to prove that the disability under which he seeks to claim did not exist anterior to his enlistment in the service of his country. Such a requirement was preposterous, in view of the fact that his enlistment, and especially his subsequent acceptance as a recruit and muster-in, was predicated upon an inspection as to his physical condition, with a return by the proper officer certifying to such fact, as well as to the "soundness" of the recruit. We trust that our hone ored Government, unexampled in its beneficence toward the Nation's defenders, will guard with a constant and increasing care, with an ever-watchful and tender solicitude, those whose increasing infirmities, whose bowed forms, broken-down physical frames, occasioned by a meritorious service in the army, or as incidents resulting from the contingency of the death of loved ones upon whom they relied for support, constitute their highest claims to the Nation's liberal support.-J. W. McDowell, Pittsburg, Kan.

GEN. ROGERS.

What the Western Papers Think of his Appointe

The appointment of Gen. Rogers as Chairman of the Board of Pension Appeals has given great satisfaction in Illinois and Kansas, where he is well known, and the papers there, without respect to politics, speak of the appointment in the most flattering manner. The following extracts show something of the sentiment. Chicago Herald:

Gen. Rogers \* \* \* served with distinction throughout the war, and raised the first company in Lake County, this State. He is said to have been the youngest Brigadier-General in the service dur-ing the war, and he is said to be one of the ablest lawyers of to-day in Kansas. Waukegan (Ill.) Patriot:

We don't like this thing—Chicago claiming and carrying off property belonging to Waukegan. Gen. George C. Rogers has been appointed to a snug little Government office, and the Chicago papers are telling how after distinguishing himself in war, he studied and practiced law in Chicago before the big fire, as much as to say he belonged to that city. The fact is, George is the property of Lake County, and particularly of Waukegan. He came among us a boy went from us a soldier and came among us a boy, went from us a soldier, and came back a Brigadier, but still a soldier, and this was his home until we let him go to Kansas. And to Waukegan is where his heart comes back with yearning, and here he counts "home," wherever he may happen to be sojourning. No, overgrown, absorbing Chicago, George belongs to us, and we wont let you jump our claim.

Freeport (Ill.) Democrat: Gen. George C. Rogers, of Kansas, and the old veteran commander of the 15th Ill., and one of the bravest men in the army, and a grand old Democrat, we are glad to learn has been appointed Chairman of the Board of Pension Appeals of the Interior Department. A better man could not have been selected. He will be as fair and upright in his present position as he was brave and faithful the selected of battle. He was a true friend and been selected. He will be as hair and upright in his present position as he was brave and faithful upon the field of battle. He was a true friend and a courageous opponent and fought well for the country and his party, and this appointment is a merited tribute to an honest man and worthy sol-

dier. In days past we were personal and political friends. In the times present and to come may that friendship brighten and grow into a stronger admiration. We hope for Gen. Rogers's greatest Burlingame (Kan.) Democrat: Mr. Rogers was the youngest Brigadier-General on the Federal side during the civil war, and had the reputation of being one of the braves of the brave. All old soldiers acquainted with the General's military career will feel glad over his deserved recognition by the Administration, and also feel that all their interests are safe with such constraints.

custodians as Gen. Rogers.

Fargo (Dak.) Daily Argus:
In the days of solid war, George and The Argus editor were chums together down at Kennesaw Mountain. Enlisting as a private, Gen. Rodgers rose step by step to be Colonel of the 15th Ill. and afterward General. He deserved it all and what

Eurekd (Kun.) Messenger:
We feel sure that the people of the County, freespective of politics, are glad of the General's good fortune.

Newton (Kan.) Democrat:

Gen. George C. Rogers. \* \* He was a gal-lant soldier in the late war and always a Democrat.

Eureka (Kan.) Herald: Gen. George C. Rodgers, one of Eureka's oldest citizens, has received the appointment of Chairman of Board of Pension Appeals. We do not know of anyone whom we are more glad to see receive